REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The abstract has been amended appropriately, and the specification has been amended to correct the errors noted in the Office Action.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith in order to make of record an English translation of JP 63-210810. The JP '810 document, cited on page 2 of the specification, is already of record.

Turning to the merits, Claims 4-7, 9-14 and 17-24 were merely objected to. Rejected Claim 1 has been cancelled and Claim 2 has been made dependent upon Claim 17 rewritten in independent form (to include the subject matter of Claim 1). Accordingly, Claim 17, Claim 2 and the claims dependent thereon are now allowable. Claim 13 has been cancelled as no longer necessary.

Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form and is allowable along with dependent Claims 23 and 24. Claims 25 and 26 have been cancelled.

Claim 27 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 22 and is now allowable also.

New independent Claim 28 combines the subject matter of original Claim 27 with that of original Claim 17 and is therefore allowable as well.

This application is now clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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